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Security Officer, CIA

Entry of Aliens under Section 8 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949.

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1. As you know, Section 8 of the CIA Act of 1949 provides that whenever the Director, the Attorney General and the Commissioner of Immigration shall determine that the entry of a particular alien into the United States for permanent residence is in the interest of national security or essential to the furtherance of the national intelligence mission, such alien and his immediate family shall be given entry into the United States for permanent residence without regard to their inadmissibility under the immigration or any other laws and regulations or to the failure to comply with such laws and regulations pertaining to admissibility.

2. Recently the I&NS has taken the position that they cannot permit aliens to be brought to the United States and thereafter be ruled as excluded from the United States and paroled to this Agency. This policy which they feel is dictated by provisions in the Internal Security Act of 1950 does not afford us an opportunity to bring prospective Section 8 subjects to the United States and then complete the paper work adjusting their status under Section 8. It will be necessary under present I&NS policy to complete the paper work and obtain the concurrence of the Attorney General and the Commissioner of Immigration in advance of the arrival of the subjects.

3. In order that this office may take appropriate steps to effect the entry of aliens of interest to your office under Section 8, it will be necessary to have full background and biographical information available in advance from your office and it will be necessary for this office to conduct appropriate security checks. The information with reference to aliens under consideration for entry under Section 8 will not be given to the I&NS or the Attorney General for their concurrence until it is known that the subjects are expected to travel to the United States in the immediate future.

4. In order to eliminate any unnecessary delay in handling by this office, it is suggested that you cause to be reviewed the cases which it is thought may be subjects of entry under Section 8 and furnish the background and biographical information to this office. The categories to be considered are:

(a) Agents and their families who have places reserved within the 100 authorized by the law for each year. It is

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noted that places for five agents and six dependents were reserved as a result of a top secret memorandum to you dated 30 November 1949, [REDACTED]. It is also noted that places for one agent, his wife and two children, with cryptonym [REDACTED], were reserved. (See top secret memorandum, [REDACTED] dated 21 March 1950.)

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This office is unaware of the true name of the persons for whom places have been reserved. Therefore, it is unknown to us whether checks by this office for security purposes have been made in their cases. If checks for security purposes have been made by this office, we would desire the names of the subjects. If security checks have not been made, it is suggested that request for such checks be instituted and that you advise this office of the fact that a reservation has been made for a place in each instance.

(b) Cases in which no place is reserved for likely subjects for entry under Section 8.

5. It is thought desirable that, in addition, arrangements should be made for prompt notification to this office of any future case which may arise and in which it is thought that the subject would be considered a likely candidate for entry under Section 8.

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